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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up National Institute on geriatrics to support research on the prevailing health problems of elderly population in various parts of the country, including New Delhi and Chennai;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government is supporting any project relating to development of low-cost medicines for Alzheimer`s disease; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the present status of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a)&(b): Setting up of National Institutes of Aging at New Delhi and Chennai has been included in the 12th Five Year with a specific objective of health care for elderly people, including promotion of research in the field of geriatrics. Under the National Programme for Health Care of the Elderly (NPHCE) started in 2010-11, 8 Regional Medical Institutes have already been selected and funded for establishment of dedicated geriatric departments for the benefit of the elderly population, which will also be responsible for research on specific elderly diseases.

(c)&(d): No project on development of low-cost medicines for Alzheimer's disease has been supported under NPHCE.